



FROM THE DESK OF COUNCILMAN TREVIÑO

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Neighborhood safety is an important and ongoing concern of us all. A year ago last December, I facilitated a ***District 1 Public Safety Forum*** at Laurel Heights Methodist Church. Its purpose was twofold:



1. To showcase the successful prosecution of a home burglary in the River Road neighborhood where ***neighbors helping neighbors*** resulted in arrests, conviction and prison time.
2. To identify ***neighborhood safety issues*** and to find ***suggested solutions*** by facilitating table discussions among the participants.

The forum was successful beyond our expectations. We had a large turnout of enthusiastic participants. We learned what evidence is needed to successfully prosecute a neighborhood burglar. Then we took part in table discussions to learn about strategies for ***strengthening neighborhood safety***. The table discussions were lively and productive.

I am attaching a report showing the results of the Public Safety Forum, including the participants' recommendations.

The last topic in the report consists of several new suggestions that have surfaced since the Forum. We would like to have any additional comments and suggestions you may have for neighborhood safety after you read the report. Please call Jed Maebius in my office [(210) 414-0070] with your suggestions. We will provide you with a supplemental report containing all of your new ideas.

Yours in Service,



P.S. I recently wrote an op-ed outlining solutions for dockless vehicles (A.K.A. scooters) for the Express News. [Click here to take a look.](#)

You can also listen to a segment of TPR's "The Source" where I discuss scooters more in depth [here.](#)

District 1- Public Safety Forum Report

1. Panel Presentation and Discussion

A case history was presented of a River Road neighborhood serial burglar who was apprehended and convicted. The factors that led to a successful plea bargain and a 14-year prison sentence in the case were presented and discussed. (***State of Texas vs. Carrasco***)

One of the most important factors in obtaining the conviction was that ***“neighbors helped neighbors”*** in important ways.

Neighbors who were out walking saw an unfamiliar car parked on the street and saw an unknown person in the yard by a house. Neighbors called 911 to report the suspicious activity and gave the license plate information. The suspect fled in his car. A patrolman came right away. After seeing that the suspect had left, the patrolman immediately exited the River Road neighborhood on Mulberry, entered Highway 281, and headed downtown. The patrolman eventually saw the car with the reported license plate information and apprehended the suspect.

Panel Members:

- Councilman Treviño
- River Road Resident – Ms. Kennedy
- Arresting Officer – Luis Rodriguez
- SAPD Detective – Carlos Ancira
- Assistant District Attorney Jacob Kemmy

Expert Guests:

- District Attorney Nico LaHood
- Police Chief William McManus
- Chief Deputy Sheriff Don Tijerina
- Facilitator Gavin Rogers

2. Neighborhood Crime Prevention.

All participants then participated in table discussions involving safety issues, such as Home and Auto Burglary, Homelessness and Mental Health Issues, and Traffic Safety Issues. The discussion was facilitated by Gavin Rogers. Participants discussed the issues and challenges and also possible solutions and strategies. Below is a summary of the discussion by topic.

A. HOME AND AUTO BURGLARY:

1. Issues and Challenges

- Assaults
- Home break-ins
- Car break-ins
- Shootings
- Gang violence
- Suspicious strangers
- Suspicious cars
- Not knowing your neighbors
- Not locking your cars
- Front porch thefts

2. Solutions and Strategies

- Always Lock your houses and cars.
- Park cars in the garage or driveway.
- Never open your front door to a stranger.
- Invest in photo or video recording devices.
- Have front deliveries placed behind plants or other front porch objects.
- Provide more lighting in your own yard.
- Create neighborhood watch stickers for the front window of your houses.
- Organize Citizen on Patrol group through SAPD
- Create block captains on your street
- Involve neighbors in the National Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Attend the Citizen Police Academy: a 12-week informational series to educate citizens.
- **First and foremost, always report all suspicious activity to 911 and to your SAFFE officer.**
 - Make phone calls about suspicious activity to immediate neighbors and Block Captains in neighborhood
 - Increase neighborhood Activity – Have Block picnics; recognize neighbors with a sign for “yard of the month,” etc.
 - Meet and get to know your neighbors.

- Provide car stickers (for window or bumper) that indicate your street, your neighborhood, or your Neighborhood Association.
- Provide front yard signs for every yard on street that identifies a “watch program.” (i.e.: the “Schreiner Place Neighborhood” has such signs.)
- Join your Neighborhood Association.
- Form a “Facebook Group” for easy and quick communication with your block, street, or Neighborhood Association.

B. HOMELESSNESS ISSUES/MENTAL HEALTH

1. Issues and Challenges

- Large concentration of individuals in downtown area.
- Lack of resources.
- Panhandling.
- Breaking and entering into private residences and public buildings.
- Loitering and/or sleeping on front porches.
- Threatening citizens in their neighborhoods.
- Insufficient facilities to help homeless people.
- Insufficient number of SAFFE officers to help homeless individuals.

2. Solutions and Strategies

- Do not give money to panhandlers and offer resource information instead.
- BE A RESOURCE for them by familiarizing yourself with the agencies available.
- **SAMMinistries** works with homeless families by rapidly re-housing families into permanent homes. Services are provided in an effort to stabilize families in their existing homes, shorten the amount of time that individuals and families stay in shelters, & assist individuals & families with securing affordable housing.
- **Haven for Hope**: seeks to transform the lives of the homeless by addressing the root causes of homelessness through education, job training and behavioral health services. ITS 84 NON-PROFIT PARTNERS ARE ALL LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS, and will provide all needed social and health services to help the homeless become self-sufficient individuals on a long-term basis. Haven for Hope has graduated over 2000 individuals from its program.
- **HOPE unit**: S.A.P.D.’s Downtown Bike Patrol H.O.P.E. Team (Homeless Outreach Positive Encounters) is a community-oriented collaboration between public and private/non-profit service providers which is facilitated by the San Antonio

Police Department. Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) bicycle patrol officers lead and facilitate the outreach effort by partnering with social workers, case managers, resource leaders, licensed professional counselors & spiritual leaders. The team travels out into the field to contact the homeless to attempt to address basic human needs on an individual basis; providing: travel assistance to resources, information on resources, role modeling and personal coaching.

C. TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES

1. Issues and Challenges

- Too many drivers speed down streets , especially interior, neighborhood streets.
- Too many drivers don't stop at stop signs, especially in interior neighborhoods.
- Too many cars are parked on streets and block view for drivers and pedestrians as they approach intersections.
- Too many scooters are being left scattered across sidewalks and driveways.

2. Strategies and Solutions

- Install more push-button, flashing lights at intersections in order to increase pedestrian safety.
- Install more speed bumps.
- Police should issue more traffic tickets in interior streets.
- Property owners should make sure that their own bushes and trees are properly trimmed to increase vehicular and pedestrian vision and safety.
- Increase safety rules for scooter drivers, to include where they can be or not be parked

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE FORUM

1. Install speed bumps close to neighborhood stop signs to cause drivers to slow down and stop at the stop sign. (Robin Teague – MVHA)

2 .Work with SAPD to Initiate a “Grinch Pinch” program on residents’ front porches, where GPS devices are provided by SAPD on packages placed so they are visible from the street. SAPD then monitors the packages. When they are stolen, SAPD apprehends the thieves using the GPS system. (News report in Fort Worth Star Telegram about the Fort Worth program)

3.Hold neighborhood meetings with SAPD Safety Team

who will present Safety Tips about both traffic safety and crime prevention. (Such a session was held by Child Advocates San Antonio at its office on San Pedro)

City Council Appoints Art Hall to Interim District 2 Seat

Yesterday, City Council voted 7-3 to approve Art Hall as the interim District 2 Council Member. Councilman Trevino was one of three who voted in favor of Jada Sullivan - a disabled veteran with a diverse professional and community background. Art Hall previously served as the District 8 representative from 2003-2007.

"I look forward to working with Councilman Hall over the next five months to improve the quality of life for San Antonians," said Trevino.

Councilman Hall will officially take his seat on January 20, 2019.

[Read more here.](#)

City Manager Search Narrowed to Eight



The search for San Antonio's next City Manager took another step forward today. The list of thirty-one candidates was narrowed down to eight, which includes the six deputy and assistant manager applicants.

Councilman Treviño is committed to selecting the most qualified applicant who can ensure that the City of San Antonio provides the highest level of service.

The first set of finalists include: Erik Walsh, Peter Zanoni, Lori Houston, Carlos Contreras, Maria Villagomez, Rod Sanchez, Majed Al-Ghafry, and Orlando Sanchez.

City Council will narrow down the list to several applicants by next week, and the finalist will take questions from the public at a symposium scheduled for January 23rd.

[Read more here.](#)

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Salado Creek at Comanche Park - Bexar County
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Olmos Creek
Leon Creek at OP Schnabel and Buddy Calk - STORM
Maverick Creek - UTSA
Martinez Creek Trailway
Leon Creek at Rodriguez Park - Bexar County
San Antonio River - SARA Watershed Warriors
San Antonio River at Headwaters
San Antonio River at River Road
Salado Creek - JBSA Fort Sam Houston
Salado Creek - COSA District 10
Salado Creek at Walker Ranch
Salado Creek at Wilshire Terrace
Six Mile Creek - National Park Service
Zarzamora Creek - Christ the King Senior Apts.
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